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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	09/751,777	MEDLOCK ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 November 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 18 and 26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 18 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 05 November 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The indicated allowability of claims 18 and 26 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Sokolov et al. U.S. Patent 6,307,878. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sokolov et al. U.S. Patent 6,307,878.

4. Regarding claim 26, Sokolov et al. disclose a communication device for processing data signals comprising a transceiver 30 for receiving a signal having a first code sequence (Fig. 3), a code generator 12 (Fig. 1) for generating a second code sequence, a searcher coupled to the transceiver and the code generator having a plurality of computation circuits (correlators 20) for correlating in parallel the first code sequence and the second code sequence at a plurality of offsets, and at least one memory block 14 coupled to at least one of the correlators 20, the memory block having a variable length (i.e. number of delay units 16) controlled according to multiplexer 18 (col. 5, lines 2-5) to implement a variable offset between the first code sequence and the second code sequence (see Tables 1-7).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sokolov et al. in view of Krasner U.S. Patent 6,272,430 (previously cited).

Regarding claim 18, Sokolov et al. disclose a searcher that receives a signal modulated according to a first PN code sequence as shown in Figure 3, where an additional signal having a second code sequence is received at a plurality of computation circuits (correlators 20 – Fig. 3), a unique phase offset for the second code sequence in each of the computation circuits is implemented by temporarily storing the second code sequence in memory buffer 14 having varying size (i.e. number of delay units 16) selected according to multiplexer 18 (col. 5, lines 2-5), to provide the unique phase offset to each of the plurality of computation circuits, and correlating the second code sequence having the unique phase offsets with the first code sequence in each computation unit 20.

Sokolov et al. do not expressly show that the received signal comprising the first code sequence is stored in a memory.

However, it is well known in the art to store a received signal in a memory. For instance, Krasner discloses the storage of a received signal in memory 48 (Fig. 2) where the signal is subsequently processed in a processor 52, which may be in a low power state while the memory is being filled (col. 8, lines 8-10).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use a memory to store the received signal while placing the processor in a low power state, as taught by Krasner, in the device of Sokolov et al. to conserve power consumed by the processor.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David B. Lugo whose telephone number is 571-272-3043. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F; 9:30-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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